



**MAY 2008**

**GET WELL SOON, GREG!**



EAA 932 president Greg Domski (R) with EAA founder Paul Poberezny at a Chapter OSH work weekend.

Greg Domski is home and doing well recovering from heart surgery April 24<sup>th</sup> at NIMC in McHenry, after a mere three day hospital stay. Give Greg a call 847-973-0621, or drop him a note: 305 Kohl Ave., Spring Grove, IL 60081. Greg expects to be able to join us on our annual trek to Marengo to see Mike Kellner's B-17 project at our next meeting, May 10.

**MAY 10TH MEETING: "DESERT RAT" TREK**



Yes, there is progress with the "Desert Rat" B-17 restoration project at Mike Kellner's in Marengo. We've moved our annual visit from March to May (10<sup>th</sup>, meet at 10

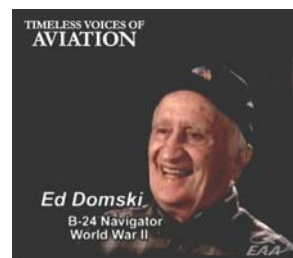
AM at Galt) when we are less likely to be engulfed in a blizzard! Don't miss this trip, and bring your camera. We'll stop for lunch on our way home.

For a complete history and many restoration pictures visit this web site:

<http://www.aerovintage.com/rat-1.htm>

**JUNE 14TH MEETING & YOUNG EAGLES**

For the **June 14** Meeting, we have invited Ed Domski, Greg's dad, to visit with us and talk a little about his experiences as a navigator flying B-24s in Europe during WWII. We hope to have a copy of Ed's Timeless Voices interview to play. (See March 2008 issue – Ed) Following the meeting, we'll be flying **Young Eagles**.



**OSH WORK WEEKEND MAY 16-18**

These are really fun! The work is light and suited to your desires and abilities. EAA feeds us three hot meals Sat. and breakfast and lunch Sunday after which we return home. We are housed in the bunk house and on Saturday evening, EAA always has a special treat for us at one of their facilities. For info and to "sign on", email John Roach at [planejohn@aol.com](mailto:planejohn@aol.com).

**GALT VINTAGE AIRCRAFT FLY-IN PICNIC**

On June 1, we'll host our annual Vintage Aircraft Fly-in Picnic down at the lake. It's a fun event and a chance to see some neat aircraft and make some new friends. All chapter members and their families as well as Galt Airport staff members are invited. Contact John Roach for details and suggested reservations. Admission is a dish to pass and a smile.

**GET MORE FROM FSS WITH NEW MINICOURSE**

From AOPA E-PILOT

Change is rarely easy—and the transition to a new flight service system has been no exception. But now you can get help managing the change, thanks to a new interactive minicourse produced by the AOPA Air Safety Foundation in partnership with AOPA's Government Affairs department. The course, [A Pilot's Guide to Flight Service](#), takes about 20 minutes to complete and offers a multitude of tips and tricks for getting the most from FSS. The minicourse will lead you through a behind-the-scenes look at how FSS works and how it has changed. You'll also get a helpful guide to using the system both on the ground and in the air, and a list of alternatives for times when you're having trouble reaching a briefer.

**CHECK YOUR CHAPTER WEB SITE**

[www.eaa932.org](http://www.eaa932.org)

## WINGING IT: DECISIONS, DECISIONS

By John Roach

Three years ago when I bought my Ercoupe, one of the many things about it I liked was the well designed paint job: silver with invasion stripes and vintage air force insignia. From just a few feet away, it looked great. But on closer inspection, one could detect the paint was beginning to crack on the fabric covered wings. However, this was not a deal stopper for me. The aircraft is a sport pilot eligible 415C and since I purchased it, prices on this model have seen a significant increase. I also felt that when the time came to recover the wings, I could possibly help in the process and save some money while learning a new skill.

Once I purchased the plane, a serious review of its log books indicated that the last wing recovering logged was in 1967.



"Pea Shooter" at Pioneer Airport, OSH 2006

Recovering the wings is a major repair and as such the aircraft could only be returned to service over the signature of an A&P/IA. So my first step was to find an IA who would let me do as much of the work as I was capable of doing. Luckily, since I bought the plane, all of the annuals had been completed by the same IA and he was my first stop. While he had little experience with fabric covering, he was interested in learning the techniques and was willing to let me learn as well.

Together, we discussed the various STCs available and ended up deciding that the Stitts Poly-Fiber process was the right one for us. It's the system developed by Ray Stitts, a legend in the aircraft covering business. This vinyl based system is easy to repair should it become damaged. The instruction manual seemed to be easy to follow. Also, the process could be completed using Poly-Fiber finish coats that did not require an external air source when spraying the color coat. Since I plan on re-spraying the metal fuselage in a year or so, it would be easier to match the wing and fuselage colors. And, conversations with people who had used the Poly-Fiber system convinced me that it really was something that a novice could do.

The final step in our preparations was to identify a Poly-Fiber distributor. (We chose) Aircraft Technical Support, run by Jim and Dondi Miller. Jim and Dondi seem to present fabric covering workshops almost every month. They have been specializing in the fabric business for years and are always available by phone when you have a question.

We were ready to begin in late January. You'll see Pea Shooter with her new wing coverings up at Oshkosh on our work weekends and at AirVenture ....

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH: DOING THE JOB

## 2008 CHAPTER CALENDAR

Check [www.eaa932.org](http://www.eaa932.org) for latest updates

♣♥♦ LINK TO POKER RUN INFO

<http://web.mac.com/chapter60/poker/Home.html>

**MAY 10 – ANNUAL FIELD TRIP TO B-17 PROJECT 10 AM**

**MAY 10 – 11 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Racine (RAC)**

**MAY 16 – 18 OSH WORK WEEKEND**

**MAY 17 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Beloit (44C)**

**MAY 24 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Viroqua, WI (Y51)**

**JUN 1 VINTAGE AIRCRAFT FLY-IN PICNIC – GALT**

**JUN 7 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Wautoma (Y50)**

**JUN 14 – MEETING 10 AM; YOUNG EAGLES 11 – 3 PM**

**JUN 15 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Palmyra (88C)**

**JUN 21 – 22 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Big Foot (7V3)**

**JUN 21 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Rockford (Cottonwood – 1C8)**

**JUN 27 – 29 – OSH WORK WEEKEND**

**JUL 13 ♣♥♦ GALT (10C) Poker Run and PANCAKE BREAKFAST – 7:30 – NOON YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS 10 – 2 PM**

**JUL 28 – AUG 3 – OSH; AIRVENTURE 2008**

<http://www.airventure.org/>

**AUG 9 – 10 – FLYERS & TIRES <http://galtfestivals.com/>**

**AUG 17 – END OF SUMMER PICNIC – GALT**

**AUG 17 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Brookfield (02C)**

**AUG 24 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Cottage Grove (Madison) (87Y)**

**SEP 7 ♣♥♦ Poker Run Dubuque (DBQ)**

**SEP 13 – MEETING 10 AM; YOUNG EAGLES 11 -3 PM**

**SEP 13 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Oshkosh (OSH)**

**OCT 4 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Richland Center (93C)**

**OCT 11 – MEETING 10 AM; CHILIFEST 5:30 – ??**

**OCT 12 ♣♥♦ Poker Run – Palmyra (88C) GAME DAY**

**NOV 8 – MEETING 10 AM**

**DEC 13 – MEETING 10 AM**

## PILOT ALERTS – EVENTS – FLY-INS

GO TO:

AOPA: [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)

EAA: [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

FAA: [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov)

EAA 932: [www.eaa932.org](http://www.eaa932.org)

IL DOT: [www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html)

WI DOT: [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html)

GALT AIRPORT EVENTS: [www.galtfestivals.com](http://www.galtfestivals.com)

**2008**

**EAA 932 Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @ 10 AM**

**Young Eagles Jun 14, Jul 13, Sep 13 or by appt. any time. Contact anyone in box below.**

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